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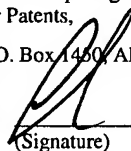
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**  
**AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement dated June 7, 2005 and prior to examination on the merits, applicant submits the following amendments and remarks:

- **Amendments to the Claims** reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.
- **Remarks** on page 8 of this paper.

No claims in excess of those already paid for are filed.

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